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THE GREAT SEALS OF IOWA.

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The Great Seal of a sovereign state, like the signature of a private person, is a symbol of authenticity. This symbol of our commonwealth, embracing that of the Territory of Iowa, has been associated with some very interesting circumstances. Most of the information possessed by the general public in regard to our Great Seals is based on accounts by the late Hon. Theodore S. Parvin. Mr. Parvin was a witness to and a participant in many vital affairs in the foundation of the Territory and of the State. His contributions to the published sources of information are quite voluminous, and in the main are accurate.

As to the Great Seals and their origin, Mr. Parvin seems to have written without some of the original source materials at hand at the time he presented his recollections, and not until comparatively recent days has any one else had aids of a different character from those used by him. But after the establishment of the Hall of Public Archives, and the gathering together of the various documentary materials that lay for half a century inaccessible in various vaults in the Capitol,

new light has been thrown upon this and various other transactions of the officials of the Territory and the State. For the purpose of adding to the information Mr. Parvin and others made available, and not in any sense for the purpose of controverting recollections of Mr. Parvin, I present by original evidences the subject of the selection, the use, the manufacture and the evolution of the seals of our Commonwealth.

The writings of Mr. Parvin, to which I allude, are in the main as follows:

Territorial Seal of Iowa.

A. B. F. Hildreth, Esq., Editor of the St. Charles Intelligencer:

Dear Sir:—I have, this winter, received from three different parts of the State requests to furnish an account of the "Great Seal of the State of Iowa." You, with many others, have doubtless observed, that while all commissions and documents issued from the Executive Department of the State Government bear an impression called "The Great Seal of the State of Iowa," upon the maps of the country, all collections of State Seals, and even the recent large and valuable Report of the State Geologist, has as its "coat of arms" the "Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa." Whether this be the result, in the first two instances cited, of ignorance or not, I am unable to say. In the last case cited, I know that Prof. Hall selected the "Territorial" seal from his own good taste, with the "advice and consent" of Gov. Lowe, who, with every other gentleman of refinement, cannot but regret the bad taste that conceived and adopted the conglomerate devices of our present "Great Seal." The description of these seals is not so much sought after as their history. "The Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa" originated with the Hon. Wm. B. Conway, first Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, and was engraved by Mr. Wm. Wagner, of York, Pennsylvania. At the request of the Legislative Council, Mr. Conway addressed to that branch of the Legislative Assembly a communication, of which the following is a copy, extracted from page 45 of the Journal of the Council:¹

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This communication was referred to a committee who reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

"Resolved, That the seal submitted to the Council by the Secretary of the Territory, be adopted by the Council as the 'Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa.'"

¹See letter as shown on pp. 567-8. Original on file in Hall of Public Archives.

The seal is one inch and five-eighths in diameter, and the word "Great" is not upon the seal, notwithstanding the Hon. Secretary in his communication and the Council in their resolution have it prefixed.

The devices upon the seals for the Supreme Court, District Courts, Commissioners' Court and Probate Courts were all designed by the Hon. Secretary, and were all as appropriate in their several spheres as that of the "Great" seal of the Territory. This latter seal was never adopted by the Legislative Assembly, but by the Legislative Council, the higher branch thereof, which held its sessions in the lower story or basement of the old Zion Church in Burlington. There are some facts connected with the early history of this seal which I must omit, as well as the history of the seal of the State, which latter I will continue in another paper.

Theodore S. Parvin.

Muscatine, Feb. 24th, 1859.²

Seal of the State of Iowa.

Editor Intelligencer:

I am unable to furnish much concerning the history of our great seal, but hope that this paper may lead the Hon. W. E. Leffingwell or some other competent person, to supply my omissions.

I find from an examination of the Journal of the House of Representatives, that on the 9th of December, 1846, Mr. Leffingwell, in pursuance of previous notice, asked and obtained leave, and introduced H. R. file No. 2, joint resolution, authorizing the Secretary of State to procure a State seal. This joint resolution underwent various amendments in each branch of the General Assembly until the 25th of February, 1847, it was passed in the shape of a law. The journals are so meager that I can learn nothing of its original draught. The law reads as follows, viz:³

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Now, all this is encompassed within the radius of one inch, and if Solomon were to revisit this earth and see this great seal, he would recall his declaration that there is nothing new under the sun. I may justly apply to this great seal the remark made by an ex-Mayor of a certain sign on Second st.: "That no man would violate the second commandment were he to bow down to it or serve it, for it is not in the likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the water under the earth."

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The old territorial seal, so neat and chaste in its design, was lost in the removal to Des Moines (pity it had not been the other),

²ANNALS OF IOWA, 1st ser. v. I, pp. 264-66, April, 1864.

³Laws of Iowa, First G. A., Ch. CXII, p. 164. See act as set out at page 576 hereof.

and to preserve some of the old county seals from a similar fate, I would suggest to our County Judges the propriety of depositing them in the collections of the State Historical Society at Iowa City.

T. S. Parvin."⁴

Muscatine, Feb. 28, 1859.

At the time of the publication of these articles Mr. Parvin was the editor of the ANNALS OF IOWA. In the Editorial Department he published a note with illustrations of the two seals, which is herewith reproduced:⁵

Territorial and State Seals of Iowa.—By the help of our tasteful and enterprising publishers, we are enabled to present our readers with proof impressions of these Seals, to accompany our article on pages 264, 266, and we appeal to the good taste of the reader to sustain the correctness of our criticisms thereon.



TERRITORIAL.



STATE.

In the next number of the ANNALS Mr. Parvin gives place to a good-natured debate upon the merits of these two seals, as follows:

Great Seal of Iowa—again.

[We gladly give a place to the following characteristic letter from our old friend of many years. "Old Enoch" has no "axe to grind" and he ably argues "the other side." The Lieut. Gov. is the author of Iowa's motto upon the monument to the "Father of his

⁴ANNALS OF IOWA, 1st ser. v. I, pp. 266-67, April, 1864.

⁵ANNALS OF IOWA, 1st ser. v. I, p. 287, April, 1864.

Country." "Iowa—her affections, like the rivers of her border flow to a perpetual union."—Ed.]

Eldora, May 5, 1864.

Hon. T. S. Parvin, Iowa City.

My Dear Old Friend:—I have received from you the April number of the "ANNALS", and thank you for it. I am well pleased with it. Of course you have my "*individual efforts*" to the extent of *one* subscriber, and here is my 50 cents.

I like the general plan and object of the "ANNALS." The early history of Iowa and of the pioneers who have left their indelible impress for good upon the State, is worth preserving, and you, in my judgment, are the right man in the right place to do it.

I have read with a good deal of pleasure your "criticism" on the "Great Seal of the State of Iowa," and that also of the "Territory." There is an independence of expression in it that I like. I love to see a man *think for himself*, and then *say* what he thinks. But I do not agree with you one bit in your opinion.

Like you I lived in Iowa when it was a Territory, and when the Territorial seal was given up for the State seal. I *like* the change. I never did like the Territorial seal. The Eagle on it is a coarse, ill-begotten thing, keeled over, with great haunches as big as a New Foundland dog's, hanging out, and with one foot standing on nothing, and the other one, ditto. It looks for all the world as though it had been pilfered from an old counterfeit Mexican dollar. It is not *our* living *American* Eagle, soaring on his spreading pinions above the reach of harm.

"The god who mounts the winged winds,"

as is beautifully delineated on the State seal,

"above the earth with wings

"Displayed on the open firmament of heaven."

There is nothing that is *civilized* about the Territorial seal, unless it is considered civil to keel an eagle over on his back—nothing but claws and an Indian's bow and arrow and a wild eagle—nothing that a "white man is bound to respect." If it only had a "cussed little Indian" on it, barbarism would be perfectly delineated in all its naked deformity. If Jeff Davis had adopted it for a vignette on his Confederate Scrip instead of the "National Government" for the "note of the Iowa National Bank," I would not have been so much surprised at it.

Now turn your eye to the *State* seal, and remember that we live in a progressive age,—that we are civilized, christianized and enlightened people. See the cottage house, the orchard, the plough, the waving grain, the harvester's sickle, the sheaf of wheat, the leaden

ore, and the majestic boat of commerce, all displaying an improved *mind*.

Then there is prophetic of *this very day*, standing in front, a bold and fearless son of Iowa,—a citizen soldier, *in the very dress* of an Iowa soldier, bearing onward and upward that blessed old flag of our country, crowned by the cap of liberty. See how manly and firm he stands, and then think of Pea Ridge and Springfield, and Donelson, and Shiloh, and Vicksburg, and Corinth, and Missionary Ridge, and every other hallowed spot where sleeps an Iowa soldier slain, and then say if it is not a fit emblem of Iowa.

Then away above all these, born on eagle's wings, that is an eagle, floats that glorious motto that the patriotic, brave sons of Iowa have already taught traitors must *continue* to float there, and must be respected while it waves.

No sir. No more of the great seal of the Territory of Iowa for me. It does well enough to represent Iowa as it *was* when Black Hawk, with his strings of beads and buckskin breeches on, sat chief in his wigwam and ruled the land. But the "Great Seal of the State of Iowa," with its device of civilization and liberty, and industry, and progress, and valor, is the natural and fit motto of *to-day*. It represents Iowa as it is and *is to be* and not as it *was*. I wish there was a *meeting-house* "within this radius of one inch" in addition to what is there, the thing would then be *perfect*.

There, I have said three times as much as I intended to when I began, but it is *my opinion* nevertheless. I do not suppose it will agitate you very much, as you know my way of expressing my opinion about as well as I do yours.

I am truly,

Your Friend, E. W. Eastman⁶

Pursuing the subject of seals, Mr. Parvin offered the editor of the *Historical Record* the following communication:⁷

Editor Historical Record:

During a late visit to the rooms of the Historical Society, Mr. Lathrop, Librarian, showed me the "Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa". I well remember that when it arrived from the hands of Mr. Wagoner, of Pittsburg, the engraver, Secretary Conway brought it to the Governor's office to show it, and how pleased we all were at the appropriateness of the design and the *poetical* description the Secretary had written of it, and which a few days later he communicated to the Legislature.

I have thought you would like for publication and preservation in the *Record* an account of the history of the seal. I have here-

⁶ANNALS OF IOWA, 1st ser. v. I, pp. 329-31, July, 1864.

⁷*Historical Record*, v. VII, pp. 41-2, January, 1891.

tofore transcribed from the Journals of the Council of 1838 the communications and actions had thereon, which I place at your disposal.⁸

T. S. Parvin.

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Thus is given substantially the foundation for the general information the public has upon the origin, institution, and development of the seals of our Territory and State.

I present herewith a copy of the Council Resolution and of Secretary Conway's original letter, which in minor details only, differ from those presented by Mr. Parvin:

Council Chamber, Nov. 22, 1838.

Hon. Wm. B. Conway,

Secretary of the Territory of Iowa,

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council this day.

Resolved

That the Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, be and is hereby requested to transmit to the Council, the great seal of this Territory with its impression for inspection etc

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant,

B. F. Wallace, Sec'y of the Council.⁹

Secretary's Office,

November 23d, 1838.

To the Hon. J. B. Brown,

Pres't. of the Legislative Council,

Sir.

The request of the Honorable, the Legislative Council, expressed by a Resolution, adopted on the 22d inst. was duly transmitted to this Department of the Territorial Government,—where it was very respectfully considered, and with which it affords me peculiar pleasure to comply.

In accordance, therefore, with the request of the Honorable, the Legislative Council, the "GREAT SEAL OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA" is herewith transmitted for inspection. It is also accompanied by impressions, on wax and paper. The DEVICE is believed to be simple; and with the highest deference to the good taste and sound criticism of the Honorable Council, it is regarded as perfectly expressive of a distinct idea, intimately associated with the history of the delightful country, which we have the happiness to inhabit;

⁸The transcribed portions added by Mr. Parvin were excerpts from the Council Resolution of Nov. 22, 1838, and Sec. Conway's letter of Nov. 23, 1838, which follow.

⁹Original letter on file in Hall of Public Archives.

and for which it is the sacred duty and lofty privilege of the Legislative authorities, to provide wise, equitable and salutary laws: The slightest examination of the Seal will disclose to the Honorable Council, the EAGLE, the proud and appropriate emblem of our national Power, bearing, in its beak, an *Indian Arrow* and clutching, in its talons, an *unstrung bow*; and whilst the idea thus delicately evolved is so well calculated to make the eye glisten with pride and cause the heart to beat high with the pulsations of conscious superiority, it nevertheless presents a touching appeal to our manly sensibilities in contemplating the dreary destiny of a declining race; nor should it fail to admonish us of the immense importance of improving, in every possible point of view, that vast inheritance which it was their peculiar misfortune to neglect.

The Honorable the Legislative Council will pardon the freedom of these reflections, which the occasion elicits if it does not demand,—whilst I have the honor to remain, as heretofore,

Your very obedient and respectful Servant,

Wm. B. Conway,
Sec'y of the Territory.¹⁰

Further reports and resolutions in regard to the Territorial seal follow:

Council. (Committee report by Lewis)

Nov. 24 1838

The committee on Territories, having had under consideration the communication from the Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, on the subject of the Great Seal of the Territory, beg leave to report—

That they have examined said seal, submitted by the Secretary, with its devices. Your committee are of the opinion that its devices are admirably adapted, and appropriate for the Great Seal of this Territory, and would, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the seal submitted to the Council by the Secretary of the Territory, be adopted by the Council as the Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa.¹¹

And, On motion of Mr. Hempstead, the report was received and resolution adopted.

The above resolution was reported to the House November 24, 1838, with this additional message:

"And have instructed me also to present to the House of Representatives the seal with impressions upon wax and paper as re-

¹⁰Original letter on file in Hall of Public Archives. Italicized words in communications of Wm. B. Conway, whether quoted from other publications or from the original manuscript, are underscored in the original in every instance.—Ed.

¹¹*Journal Council of Iowa Territory*, 1838-41, p. 48.

ceived from the Secretary of the Territory, in which resolution they ask the concurrence of the House.¹²

In the House Journal is found record of the adoption of this Resolution:

On motion of Mr. Nowlin,

Resolved, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That the seal submitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Secretary of the Territory, be adopted as the great seal of the Territory of Iowa.¹³

From "Laws of 1838-39" we have the following Resolution:

No. 3:—*Resolved, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That the seal, submitted to the Legislative Assembly, by the Secretary of the Territory, be adopted as the great seal of the Territory of Iowa.

Approved, January 4, 1839.¹⁴

Governor Lucas approved the above resolution as shown by entry in the Executive Journal:

Jany 4th, 1839

Joint resolution on subject of Territory Seal &c approved¹⁵

Hardly had the adoption of this seal by the Territory been made, when there arose a question as to its custody. Numerous accounts have been presented of the controversy between the Secretary of the Territory and the Governor. Bearing on the subject, I present the following, hoping for the discovery of additional actual and original documents with which to supply the apparent omissions:

January 26-1839

To Charles Weston, Esq.

Dr. Sir:

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You will call at the office of the Governor and request him to give you the Territorial Seal. This seal is my own personal property, and its use is to be exclusively confined to this Department, in States and Territories.— You will call and get and seal all the Commissions,— and if the Governor refuses to let you have the Press, you will call on Webber & Remey and borrow the price of it, which I have requested them to give you, and tender the money to the Governor in the presence of some respectable and disinterested witness—and if he does not let you [have the] seal and the

¹²*House Journal*, 1838-41, p. 44.

¹³*House Journal*, 1838-41, p. 47.

¹⁴*Laws of Iowa*, 1838-39, p. 532.

¹⁵Shambaugh's *Executive Journal of Iowa*, 1838-41, p. 290.

press, my order is peremptory that not one of the Commissions shall be delivered to the Governor or any other person until I can procure the means of sealing them in the Department of the Territorial Government with which I have the honor to be interested.

Yours

Wm. B. Conway¹⁶

Official.

Secretary's Office
Territory of Iowa
February 9, 1839

To the President of the United States

Sir.

The Legislative Assembly of the Territory adjourned on Friday the 25th of January.

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Some few days before the adjournment, Governor Lucas sent one of his Aids-de-Camp, a certain Col. Jesse E. Williams, to the office of the Secretary, with the verbal request that the "*Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa*" should be allowed to be taken for a few minutes, into the Executive office, agreeably to the wish of the Governor. To which the Secretary consented, and delivered the seal, not believing or apprehending, by any means, that it was a project to obtain a surreptitious possession of the Great Seal of the Territory— But it seems that the Secretary was mistaken.

Finding that the Governor would not answer the Secretary's letter of the 26th of January, nor deliver the appropriation bill, adopted by the Legislature, with or without the Executive approval, nor do any act or thing that would enable the Secretary to return home to his family, where he had not been for more than three months, an order was given to Charles Weston, Esquire of Burlington,

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to call on the Governor and procure the *seal* of the Territory and seal the commissions, then in the Secretary's office which were all filled up and signed by the Secretary of the Territory.

There was a *seal press* in the Governor's Office which had been purchased at the Governor's request, by the permission of the Secretary, ungracefully extorted from him, last September. This press was for the use of the Territory, but it was not brought on, until recently. The Secretary gave Mr. Weston \$75 in gold to tender to Gov. Lucas for the Press, the cost of it in Ohio was something like \$45— On Sunday the 27th of January the Secretary left Burlington and proceeded to this place (Davenport, the center of the Territory on the river and immediately opposite Rock Island)

¹⁶Original letter on file in Hall of Public Archives.

where he is now preparing the laws for publication, which laws are to be printed at Du Buque (still farther north) by Legislative agreement, and as the Act of Congress requires the Secretary *to reside in the Territory*, this is his residence, during the recess of the Legislature.

On Monday the 28th of January, Charles Weston of Burlington, called in a most respectful manner, on the Governor (Lucas) and requested the seal of the Territory, in the name and on behalf of the Secretary thereof, from whom he then held an order in his hand, for that purpose, and he Charles Weston did moreover then and there, tender to Governor Lucas the sum of one hundred dollars, on behalf of the Secretary, for the \$45 Seal Press, and this tender was made in the presence of Quarter Master General James M. Morgan, one of the Governor's staff, and the Governor did then and there refuse to deliver either the Seal or the Press to Mr. Weston, who on that occasion, and for that purpose, represented the Secretary of the Territory, who, if he had been at Burlington, could not, without endangering the public peace, have gone into the Executive presence, on the business referred to.

The Governor told Mr. Weston, and in the presence of the aforesaid Quarter Master General, James M. Morgan, that he, the Governor, was the keeper of the Seal, and that his office was the proper place for it, and that the Secretary had no right to leave Burlington.

In the event which happened, as was apprehended, the Secretary left a peremptory order, with Mr. Weston, that not one of the Commissions, which had been filled and signed by him (the Secretary) pursuant to the list of names and stations, submitted to the Governor, should be removed from his (the Secretary's) office until the seal had been properly affixed thereto, in said office.

This appears to have been peculiarly gratifying to Governor Lucas, who proceeded forthwith, (assisted by his Colonels, and Generals and other officers) to fill up, sign and *seal*, and distribute *other* commissions, expressing his wish that the name of the Secretary should not appear on any commission issued by him, the said Governor Lucas.

And therefore the Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, has the honor to request the President of the United States, to authorize and direct the Honorable Mr. Secretary Forsyth, to enclose a special order, to the Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, directed to his excellency, Robert Lucas, Governor of said Territory, and requiring him the said Governor, to hand over, and deliver up, the Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa, to the Secretary thereof, or to his order without fraud or further delay.

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The special orders, now respectfully requested, will be enclosed to the Secretary, at Davenport, Territory of Iowa, whilst, with the highest regard, he has the honor to remain,

Your very obedient and respectful Servant,

Wm. B. Conway,
Secretary of the Territory of Iowa.¹⁷

Official.

Secretary's Office
Territory of Iowa
August 26th, 1839

To his Excellency,

M. Van Buren, President U. States.

Sir

In an official communication of the 8th of January (more than seven months ago) the undersigned performed the unwelcome duty of apprising the President of the United States of a misunderstanding, then of recent origin, which existed (and still exists) between the Governor and the Secretary of this Territory.

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On the 9th of February last, the undersigned had the humiliating honor of informing the President of the United States, in an official communication of that date, that His Excellency, Governor Lucas, had surreptitiously obtained possession of the *Great Seal* of this Territory, which he still retains, and which he refused to deliver up, in compliance with an order duly presented for that purpose, and of which seal, in contemptuous violation of all usage and right, he proclaims and *fancies*, himself to be the legitimate Keeper. The effects produced in a business point of view by this strange assumption, would if set forth in detail extend this communication far beyond its contemplated limits. But it is anxiously believed that the fact alone will arrest and fix the attention of the President on the hideous deformity of the principle which that fact embodies.—

Separate and distinct responsibilities, duties and rights, not to insist on the proper civilities of official intercourse, unavoidably impart to this fraudulent capture and forcible detention of the Great Seal all the features of a tyrannical outrage, which cannot be justified by arguments more correct than those which may be drawn from the mere ravings of insane power. As well might the President (if he were deranged) seize upon the Seal of State in the office of the Honorable Mr. Secretary Forsyth. * * *

But Mr. Forsyth in the case supposed could resign. And so the undersigned would have done long ago, if he held his office subject to the vulgar control of Governor Lucas. * *

The Governor and the Secretary of Iowa are *both* amenable to the President of the United States, and the difficulties which implicate

¹⁷Original letter on file in Hall of Public Archives.

their public conduct *having been referred* to the latter, the only legal umpire in the case, it is therefore impossible that the undersigned should anticipate a decision by any change of attitude, which might tend, however remotely, to favor the belief that he would thus shield any portion of his official conduct from vigorous examination. Nor will it be rashly believed, that the President could be induced to lend even the dubious sanction of his hesitation or silence to the commission of outrages on inferior officers of the Government, whose proper pride of character may be higher than their stations, and whose kind feelings as men, should not be goaded, by protracted and triumphant insult, into the ferocity of tigers. The undersigned, therefore, renews his application of the 9th of February last, and prays that a special order may issue, from the proper Department, requiring the Governor to deliver up the Great Seal of this Territory, to the undersigned or to his order.

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The undersigned seeks no triumph over Governor Lucas. He wages no war against obstinate imbecility. He merely asks the President to protect him in the possession of his clearly defined official rights, that he may be thus enabled to perform his proper official *duties*. To be a Secretary of State *without a Seal!* a recording officer *without the records*, or things to be recorded!! an accounting, and accountable officer, *without evidence of the authority* which requires and sanctions his disbursements!!! This Sir; is to possess very equivocal honors, beneath the degrading lustre of which even contented meanness could not hope to mitigate the severity of official responsibilities, under the rigorous system which enlightened opinion is happily predisposed to enforce.—

With very considerate regard I remain your respectful and obedient Servant,

Wm. B. Conway,
Secretary of Iowa.¹⁸

The extent of this controversy and its end has been already well presented by Dr. John C. Parish.¹⁹

Authority to continue in use the Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa until the Great Seal of the State of Iowa could be procured, was provided in the following:

AN ACT relative to State Seals.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa.* That for the want of State seals, the State officers shall, until proper seals are provided, use the territorial seals of their respective offices.²⁰

The foregoing act was approved on January 27, 1847, and on February 9, 1847, there was enacted a statute providing for

¹⁸Original letter on file in Hall of Public Archives.

¹⁹Parish's *Robert Lucas*, State Hist. Soc. Iowa City, 1907.

²⁰*Laws of Iowa*, 1st G. A., Ch. XIV, p. 32.

a loan of \$55,000.00, and appointing William F. Coolbaugh as the Agent for the State, for the negotiation of the loan and transferring of the bonds. Touching the seal of the Territory, Mr. Coolbaugh submitted to the State Auditor the following communication:

J. T. Fales Esq.

Burlington Iowa April 8, 1847

Dear Sir,

I am inclined to think after reflecting on the matter, that it will not do to affix the old Territorial Seal to the State Bonds.— It might subject us to the trouble of getting a new set of Bonds entirely, besides materially deferring the consummation of the loan.

We had therefore better get the new seal, even if it should occasion some delay. So soon as completed please send them either by mail or other safe conveyance, to me

Governor Briggs would perhaps like to see the Bond executed by me and I would be obliged to you if you would send him a copy, with a list of my sureties by mail.

- Yours respectfully

W. F. Coolbaugh²²

But I find from the originals and impressions upon the canceled bonds that they used the Territorial Seal only.

A rather interesting phase of the history of the Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa is traced from the impressions of the seal upon the original documents assembled in the Hall of Public Archives. It will be observed that Mr. Parvin expressed the pleasure which this seal gave to those interested in its selection and adoption as the formal symbol of the sovereignty of the Territory. The recollections of this pleasure remained vivid with him until he became the editor of the ANNALS OF IOWA, and even sustained him in his partisanship in favor of its artistic quality as against that of the design adopted for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa. But after discussing the meaning of the design, and after inveighing against the design of the Great Seal of the State of Iowa, and with the evident purpose of proving his point to the readers of the ANNALS by reproducing it side by side with a reproduction of the Great Seal of the State of Iowa, in connection with his note in regard thereto, he yet presents a design not at all the same as the design described by Secretary Conway and as adopted by the legislative and executive authority of

²²Original letter on file in Hall of Public Archives.

Robert Lucas,

GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME—GREETING.

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity and ability of *T. S. Parvin*

I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the ~~Legislative Council~~ appointed him
Librarian, of the Territory of Iowa

And I do hereby authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to law **TO HAVE AND TO**
HOLD the said office, with all the rights, privileges, and emoluments thereto belonging, *until the end of*

the next session of the Legislature following.

unless the Governor of the said Territory, for the time being, should think proper to revoke and determine this Commission



BY THE GOVERNOR

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the

Great Seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, at Burlington, *North* day of

April

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine,
and of the Independence of the United States of America, the 63d.

Robert Lucas

Theodore S. Parvin's Commission as Territorial
Librarian of Iowa

the Territory, and which was impressed very early in its official use upon his own commission as Librarian. Perhaps the most striking difference between the original and the reproduction Mr. Parvin sets out, is in the bow held in the talons of the eagle. In Conway's description, in the original die by Wagner, and the impression on the Parvin commission, the bow appears to be an ordinary Indian bow, unstrung. In the Parvin reproduction it is a classic bow with string taut.

The seal Mr. Parvin reproduces might better be regarded as an adaptation of the original Territorial seal. This, and other adaptations of the Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa, have long and often been used by different public and private persons as a reproduction of the original.

But from the date of Mr. Parvin's commission, to-wit: April 10, 1839, until the final official impression which was made upon the issue of bonds, after the admission of the State of Iowa to the Union, there appears no other or different design as the Great Seal of the Territory of Iowa.

The Great Seal of the State of Iowa was provided for by the Constitutional Convention which assembled at Iowa City, May 4, 1846. Sections 15 and 16 provide:

There shall be a seal of this State, which shall be kept by the Governor, and used by him officially, and shall be called the Great Seal of the State of Iowa. All grants and commissions shall be in the name and by the authority of the people of the State of Iowa, sealed with the Great Seal of this State, signed by the Governor and countersigned by the Secretary of State.²²

The provision that the seal should be kept by the Governor was evidently for the purpose of avoiding future controversy as to what official should be the keeper of the Great Seal.

During the session of the First General Assembly after the adoption of the Constitution of 1846, the matter of the device to be used and the procuring of the Great Seal for the State as provided for in the Constitution, was taken up and the following proceedings were had:

Joint Resolution No. 2,²³ authorizing the Secretary of State to procure a seal, was introduced in the House by W. E. Lef-fingwell, passed that body on December 11, 1846, and was re-

²²*Laws of Iowa*, 1st G. A., Constitution, Art. 5, sec. 15-16, p. 10.

²³Two Joint Resolutions and one bill of the 1st G. A. were entitled H. R. File No. 2. See *House Journal*, 1846, pp. 40, 67, 68.

ported to the Senate. It was referred to a committee composed of Francis Springer, Philip B. Bradley and Thomas H. Benton, who reported a substitute, which was passed by the Senate February 24, 1847, and passed by the House on the same date. The substitute for House File No. 2 reads as follows:

State Seal.

AN ACT authorizing the Secretary of State to procure a State Seal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Secretary of State be, and he is, hereby authorized to procure a seal, which shall be the Great Seal of the State of Iowa, two inches in diameter, upon which shall be engraved the following device, surrounded by the words, "The Great Seal of the State of Iowa"—a sheaf and field of standing wheat, with a sickle and other farming utensils, on the left side near the bottom; a lead furnace and a pile of pig lead, on the right side; the citizen soldier, with a plow in his rear, supporting the American flag and liberty cap with his right hand, and his gun with his left, in the center and near the bottom; the Mississippi river in the rear of the whole, with the steamer Iowa under way; an eagle near the upper edge, holding in his beak a scroll, with the following inscription upon it: *Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain.*

Sec. 2. The sum of forty dollars shall be, and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the seal aforesaid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers in Iowa City.

APPROVED, February 25th, 1847.

Published in the Reporter and Standard March 3d, 1847.²⁴

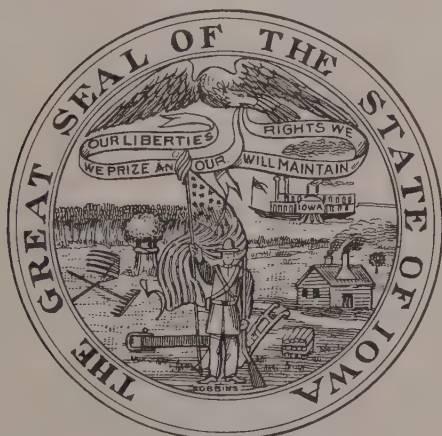
The die for the seal produced under authority of the law was engraved by Charles A. Robbins, for which he received \$35.00 by warrant issued May 5, 1847.

This Act passed by the first General Assembly does not appear in any of the codifications of the laws, the present Code containing only the constitutional provision for a Great Seal. "I find no act passed with reference to the Great Seal since the Act of February 25, 1847, nor do I find any act or provision in the session laws or the Code of 1851 or of subsequent codes, repealing or revising this first act; hence, the assumption is that the authority for the present Great Seal lies in this Act of February 25, 1847."²⁵

²⁴*Laws of Iowa*, 1st G. A. Ch. CXII, p. 164.

²⁵Statement by C. A. Robbins, Assistant Attorney General.

In tracing the evolution of the Great Seal of the State of Iowa from impressions upon official documents in the Hall of Public Archives, I find many minor changes have been made in the device from time to time, but in each the provision made for the device in the Act of February 25, 1847, has been substantially followed. I have searched for authority for even minor changes in the device, but have failed to find any. I believe the changes were made by engravers on their own motion and responsibility at the times new dies were ordered.



No. 1, 1847-1856.

The first seal carried out the provisions of the Act of 1847 in regard to the device, but its diameter was two and three-sixteenths inches instead of two inches as specified. The farming utensils used in addition to those provided in the Act were a grain cradle and rake. The furnace was shown as having two chimneys; the plow with beam pointing to our left; a tree standing to the right of the furnace; the flag slightly furled; the soldier as facing to the front, but slightly to his right. At the base of the inner circle and just beneath the soldier was the name of the engraver "Robbins" in very small letters. This die was used until 1856.²⁰

²⁰Reproduction of impression of first die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used 1847-1856. See notarial commission issued by Governor Hempstead to J. N. Jerome, Sept. 29, 1854, in Hall of Public Archives.



No. 2, 1856-1865.

Impressions of another die appear in 1856. It seems identical with the first except that the furnace is shown as having one chimney; the name of the engraver "Robbins" is omitted, and several minor changes made in placing the different devices.²⁷

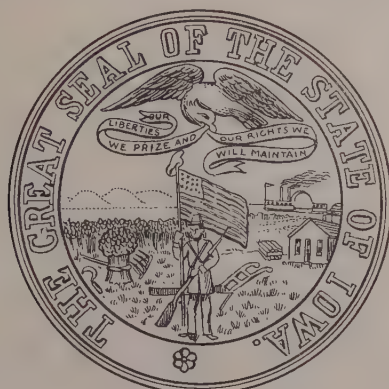


No. 3, 1865-March, 1869.

Impressions of a third die appear in 1865. Its diameter is two inches, outer rim; the soldier faces to his right; the beam of the plow points to our right; the flag floats free; the tree

²⁷Reproduction of impression of second die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used 1856-1865. See Proclamation of Governor Kirkwood, Sept. 23, 1860, in Hall of Public Archives.

on the right of the furnace is omitted and there are other minor changes.²⁸



No. 4, March-May, 1869.

Impressions of a fourth die appear in March, 1869, the most important changes being: A different style of letter is used; the plow is restored to first position; the rake is omitted and the steamboat "Iowa" is reduced in size.²⁹



No. 5, May, 1869-September, 1881.

Impressions of a fifth die appear in May, 1869, wherein the plow is again reversed; the soldier holds the gun differently;

²⁸Reproductions of impression of third die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used 1865-March, 1869. See Governor Stone's warrant of discharge for Finley Rainsbarger, Jan. 15, 1868, in Hall of Public Archives.

²⁹Reproduction of impression of fourth die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used March-May, 1869. See notarial commission issued by Governor Merrill to Thos. F. Rice, March 2, 1869, in Hall of Public Archives.

the steamboat "Iowa" is increased in size; the rake is replaced. This die was in use until in September, 1881.³⁰



No. 6, September, 1881-June, 1882.

Impressions of a sixth die appear on documents dated in September, 1881, wherein the rake and sickle are omitted; the soldier faces to the front; the steamboat is reduced and a different style of letter is used. This die was used until in 1882.³¹



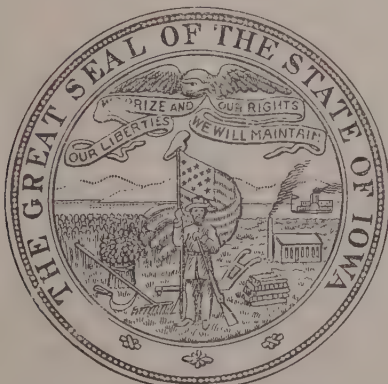
No. 7, June, 1882-December, 1888.

Impressions of a seventh die appear in June, 1882. The rake and sickle were replaced; the flag was again slightly furled;

³⁰Reproduction of impression of fifth die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used May, 1869-Sept., 1881. See Proclamation of Governor Merrill, June 17, 1869, in Hall of Public Archives.

³¹Reproduction of impression of sixth die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used Sept. 1881-June, 1882. See Proclamation of Governor Gear, Sept. 5, 1881, in Hall of Public Archives.

trees are shown at the front and rear of the furnace; the beam of the plow is toward our left; the size of the steamboat is increased and other minor changes are made. This seal was used until in December, 1888.³²



No. 8. December, 1888, to date.

Impressions of an eighth die appear in 1888. The outer rim was increased in size and a beaded line shown outside of the lettering; the size of the steamboat "Iowa" was greatly reduced; the grain cradle was left out; the trees at front and rear of furnace were omitted; the furnace changed in appearance and other minor changes made. This die has remained in use and is at present in the press in the office of the Governor.³³

A comparison of these impressions shows that about five distinct types have been used. These types are illustrated by Nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8. The comparison also shows that Nos. 2 and 7 are very similar, differing mainly in diameter and in the placing of the lettering on the outer rim. Nos. 3 and 5 are very similar in design and Nos. 4 and 6 are of the same type.

The history of the seals of the Territorial and State courts will be treated in a future article.

³²Reproduction of impression of seventh die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa; used June, 1882-Dec., 1888. See Proclamation of Governor Sherman, Sept. 20, 1884, in Hall of Public Archives.

³³Reproduction of impression of eighth and present die executed for the Great Seal of the State of Iowa. See Proclamation of Governor Larrabee, Dec. 29, 1888.

JOHN F. LACEY.

By WILLIAM T. HORNADAY.

It was the free wild birds of the Iowa prairies that once inspired a strong man to champion their cause in the council chamber of our nation. To know our birds of song is to love all birds. Fortunate indeed were the birds who sang to John F. Lacey during his boyhood and his young manhood. It was the meadow lark, the white-throated sparrow, the brown thrasher, the catbird and the whippoorwill that filled his great heart with love for all birds, and nerved his strong right arm to strike in their defense.

Out of all the achievements of Major Lacey for the better preservation of our bird allies, one fact looms up prominently and dwarfs all others. He was the first American Congressman to become an avowed champion of wild life. It is true that even before he entered the lists of the persistent, uncompromising and permanent defenders of wild creatures in need of defense, other members of Congress had manifested the spirit which later on developed the pronounced game protectionists. But Major Lacey, we repeat, was the first man in the Congress of the United States to take up the new white man's burden and make it peculiarly his own.

The date of this new departure may be given approximately as 1900. At that time few large men in public life took the woes of wild life seriously. Slaughter was the order of the day. The sportsmen who advocated game protection and secured the enactment of protective laws were animated by a desire, not to stop killing, but to preserve today in order to kill more abundantly tomorrow. It is well within the bounds of truth to state that even down to 1890 wild life preservation in America was little more than a pleasing dream, a shadow without substance. Excepting the Yellowstone Park, there were not then in existence any large game preserves in which killing was totally prohibited. Everywhere, without a single

exception, wild game was being killed far faster than it was breeding.

At the date mentioned, the killing of game was everywhere a ruling passion. The protection of our song-birds had only just begun. Every member of Congress was regarded by his constituents as a chore-boy, of whom all kinds of personal services might confidently be demanded. The number of pension-claim burdens that were laid upon Congressmen was very great; and the measures of the nation often waited upon the personal tasks of the constituent.

Acting under what may well be called an inspiration, and in spite of other burdens and other causes, Mr. Lacey deliberately elected to champion the cause of the vanishing birds. We know not just when that call to arms first was heard by him. It is in the silent watches of the night, the still small hours of the new day, when the minds of men are most free from surrounding influences, that our mental vision becomes keenest, and we most accurately measure the things that Were against the things that Are. It is in the early morning watch, when sleep has swept all cobwebs from the brain, that man's mental negatives are most sensitive to great impressions. It is then that the voice of Duty is heard in clear, bell-like tones, calling upon us to arise, put on our armor and sally forth.

I doubt not that the call to John F. Lacey to arise and stand forth as the champion of the birds came to him at a time that he himself never set down and could not name.

But come it did; and while other men were laboring for commercial and industrial causes and striving to pass bills that would appeal strongly to their own constituents, there was one man who constituted himself a Committee of One on Everybody's Business. It was, and ever has been, everybody's business to save our valuable wild life from slaughter and annihilation; but, alas! how often is it treated as nobody's business!

I repeat that Major Lacey was the first member of Congress who made the cause of the wild birds and beasts particularly his own. At first he was treated by some of his colleagues with good-natured raillery, and taken every way but seriously.

But, like the good soldier that he was, in more causes than one, he enlisted in the birds' cause, not for three months' service, nor one year, nor three years, but during the period of the war. From that moment down to his last day in Congress he was never elsewhere than on the firing line.

His victories for the wild life cause were numerous and important; but his first one was the greatest of all. The Lacey Bird Law is enough to render any name illustrious. That act, to prevent all interstate traffic in game illegally killed or shipped, was the first federal act for the better protection of birds, and it placed in the hands of the National Government a weapon more powerful and far-reaching than any cannon ever cast. It has prevented the illegal slaughter, and sale in the markets, of uncountable millions of game birds; and the rogues that it has brought to justice would, if herded together, make a great army.

The long history of Mr. Lacey's labors and achievements in Congress in behalf of wild life will be written elsewhere, in detail.¹ His effective efforts in the founding of national bison herds, with which we are most familiar, were only the latest of his achievements in the field of protection. The enabling act, and the appropriation of \$15,000 by which the first national bison herd was established, in the Yellowstone National Park, was secured through the persistence of Representative Lacey against much opposition. I am inclined to believe that his last work in Congress in his favorite cause was bestowed in securing the legislation by which the National Government joined the New York Zoological Society in the mutual action which created in Oklahoma the Wichita National Bison Range and Herd, now a pronounced success.

The proud State of Iowa may well regard John F. Lacey as one of her most illustrious men. His work has added luster to the State made famous by Allison, Harlan and Kirkwood, and throughout this nation, wherever wild birds are protected, his name is known and honored. To him the people of Iowa, and the bird lovers of America, owe a monument as lofty as his own purposes and as imperishable as his fame.

¹*John F. Lacey Memorial Volume*, Iowa Park and Forestry Association, 1913.

LUTHERANS IN IOWA.

[On May 10, 1914, the Lutheran people of the State of Iowa presented to the State, in the Historical Department, a large oil portrait of Martin Luther, by Olof Frithiof Grafström. On this occasion a sermon on the life of Martin Luther was delivered by Gustav Andreen, President of Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, and this sermon has been added to the manuscript collections of the Historical Department. The historical sketches given by different ministers on the same occasion, of the various branches of the Lutheran Church in Iowa, are herewith presented.—EDITOR.]

THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN IOWA.

BY REV. HENRY FLENTJE.

The history of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iowa begins about 1840. Although there were many German Lutheran congregations in the eastern states at this time, there were only a few existing in the State of Iowa, at Keokuk, Fort Madison, and Burlington. Until 1852 the central, northern, and southern parts of Iowa were without congregations. In October, 1853, three German Lutheran pastors, Deindoerfer, Grossmann, and Schueller, with about twenty laymen, came from Michigan to Clayton county to do mission work for the German Lutheran Church. They organized the first Evangelical Lutheran Church in the central part of Iowa, and called their home "St. Sebald." Here it was also their intention to found a teacher's seminary, but this idea was given up. Later this seminary was built at Dubuque. From St. Sebald as a centre, Lutheran churches were organized all over Iowa. On the 24th of August, 1854, four pastors, Deindoerfer, S. Fritschel, Grossman, and Schueller, met at the parsonage in St. Sebald, and with about twenty laymen founded the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and other States. The growth of the synod was slow but sure. Many German Lutherans moved from the eastern states and joined existing congregations; or organized new ones.

In 1870, the Lutheran church in Iowa consisted of about ninety pastors, and one hundred and twenty congregations.

At this time other Lutheran synods started mission work, namely, the Synod of Missouri and other States, the Synod of Ohio and other States, and the General Synod. At present the German Lutheran Church consists of four Synods:

The Synod of Iowa and other States, with 132 active pastors, 262 congregations, and 32,000 members.

The Synod of Missouri and other States, with 98 pastors, 152 congregations, and 22,000 members.

The Synod of Ohio and other States, with 64 pastors, 96 congregations, and 8,000 members.

The General Synod, with 35 pastors, 40 congregations, and 6,000 members.

The Lutheran church in Iowa maintains the following educational institutions:

A theological seminary at Dubuque with five professors, and about one hundred students.

A college at Clinton with nine professors and about one hundred and twenty students.

A parochial teachers' seminary at Waverly, with four professors and fifty students.

A co-educational academy at Waverly with six professors and about one hundred and twenty students.

The Lutheran Church also maintains the following charitable institutions:

An Orphans' Home at Waverly with about one hundred children.

An Orphans' Home and Home for the Aged at Muscatine, with about sixty children and forty aged.

A hospital at Sioux City with about eighty beds.

From this can be seen that the German Lutheran Church has done and is doing much for the spiritual and educational welfare of the citizens of Iowa.

THE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN IOWA.

BY A. B. LEAMER, D. D.

The English work of the Lutheran Church in Iowa was begun in the year 1848 by Rev. Jacob Scherer, who was commissioned as "Missionary of the Northwest" by the Synod of Illinois.

The first church was organized in Lick Creek Township, Van Buren county. In 1850 Rev. Jacob Scherer was joined by Rev. C. Conrad Keuhl, and together they established an itinerary of preaching points, covering the eastern portion of Iowa as far west as Knoxville. It seems that they also touched Council Bluffs and Sioux City in their zeal for the preaching of the gospel to the scattered Lutherans of the State.

In 1854 the first Conference was held at Knoxville on the 10th day of February. There were four pastors present. At this Conference the matter of establishing a college within the State was discussed, and a committee was appointed, charged with the duty of selecting a location as near the center of Iowa as possible. The committee settled upon Fort Des Moines, now Des Moines, and the name of the school was the Central College of Iowa. This institution had a varied experience and was eventually sold to the Baptist Church, by the Baptists under the name of the Des Moines College.

The educational work begun by our Synod is still carried on

The third Conference of the Illinois Synod met at Winchester on August 30, 1855, and proceeded to the organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa. The officers elected were Rev. Geo. W. Schaeffer, president; Rev. J. G. Schaeffer, secretary; Rev. F. R. Scherer, treasurer. The other charter members were Rev. John Hockenlively, Rev. D. Tulles, Rev. Geo. W. Scheide, Rev. H. F. Ely. The laymen were P. L. Kreigh, Samuel Gast, and Jacob Motern. The visiting clergymen present were Rev. L. F. Harkey, Rev. C. Witmer, Rev. D. Kurtz, and Rev. (Father) Scherer.

The second Convention of the Synod, held at Fort Des Moines, laid the cornerstone of the new college building and selected a faculty consisting of Rev. Reuben Weiser and Prof. Cupp, who opened the college for work on May 21, 1856.

The citizens of Des Moines contributed \$10,000.00 to this project and gave five acres of land. The tract comprised the ground between Sixteenth and Nineteenth streets north of Woodland Avenue.

The early days of the English work in Iowa were very trying. The president in his annual report to the Synod held

in the above year, speaks of conditions as "deplorable" not only for the school but for the general church work, and in a later report the president makes the statement that these conditions seem to be due to the fact that by the time the people coming from the east reach the Mississippi, the desire for wealth has become so intense that they "drop both conscience and religion in the Mississippi river as they cross it."

It is evident that large numbers of Lutheran people settled in Iowa, but many of them spoke a foreign tongue and at that early day it was impossible to interest them in the English-speaking church. As a result many of the fathers and mothers never united with the church and their children, growing up without the mother church influence, were lost to us and drifted gradually into other denominations. Many, however, were organized into congregations of their own tongues and have grown into strong, self-supporting churches, thus making it possible for the Lutherans to number a larger company than any other, except one, of the denominations. But while many churches were organized, the English Lutheran church lost more than it saved. However, we feel that the message delivered by these pioneers who insistently preached the gospel has had its very definite effect upon the children who followed them in the work of the Master.

The sixteenth session of the Synod was held at Tipton, Iowa, September 26, 1860, and showed an enrollment of forty-five congregations and sixteen preaching points. Sixteen pastors ministered to these congregations, totaling 1,179 communicants. The largest salary paid was \$800.00, and the least \$40.00 per year. The sixteen pastors received a total of \$2,719.25.

The Bohemian Lutheran Churches of Linn, Benton and Tama counties united with the Synod at this session. A committee from Marshall county submitted the proposition that the Synod take over the Marshall county high school and convert it into a college and seminary. The estimated value of this property was \$19,000.00. The property grew in value and the institution increased in usefulness for a number of years, at one time numbering ninety-six students, but jealousy

seemed to have entered the ranks of the Synod and proper support could not be secured for either this school or the one at Fort Des Moines. As a consequence we lost two of the most valuable assets of the church. Had those institutions remained under the control of the Synod we believe that our English Lutheran church in Iowa would far outnumber any of the foreign-speaking Lutheran churches, but our work seemed to be blocked at every turn. However, a brighter day is dawning. The last decade has been one of commendable progress and our work is being established on a permanent foundation that means success for the future.

THE DANISH AND NORWEGIAN LUTHERANS IN IOWA.

BY N. G. PETERSON.

The Danish Lutherans immigrated later than the Swedish and Norwegian Lutherans. The beginning of the establishment of Danish Lutheran churches in this State dates back to 1871 when the work was commenced by Rev. A. S. Nielson of "The Danish Church."

That Church has now eleven pastors and thirteen congregations with a membership of 4,370.

They have a college and theological seminary at Grand View, Des Moines, and at the same place they are completing an old people's home.

The other body of Danish Lutherans doing work in the State is "The Danish United Lutheran Church," having at present twenty-two pastors and thirty-three congregations, with a membership of 4,709. They have for years had a higher institution of learning at Elk Horn.

We have, then, of Danish Lutherans in this State, thirty-three pastors and forty-six congregations, with a membership of 9,079.

The work was begun among the Norwegian Lutherans by Rev. N. Brandt of the "Norwegian Synod" in the year 1851. That body has in this State at present twenty-five pastors and fifty congregations, with a total membership of 13,500. They are operating one of the best colleges in our State, Luther College at Decorah.

The second body having done work among the Norwegian Lutherans in Iowa is "Hauge's Synod," which has fourteen pastors and thirty congregations, with a membership of 5,866. They have a higher institution of learning,—Jewell Lutheran College, at Jewell.

The third body is "The United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America" having in this State fifty-two pastors and one hundred and six congregations, with a membership of 28,060. They have a higher institution of learning—Waldorf College at Forest City, an orphans' home at Beloit, and are building an old people's home at Decorah.

This gives us a total of ninety-one pastors and one hundred and eighty-six congregations, with a membership of 47,426, three institutions of learning and two institutions of mercy, among the Norwegian Lutherans.

The greater part of our Church is found in the rural districts in the north half of the State, where the woods and prairies have been changed into fertile farms and peaceful homes for the thousands of honest laboring men and women who came to this country with love for hard work and a longing for a full religious liberty, and with minds and hearts made strong by that gospel given to us in the days of reformation.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN IOWA.

BY JOSEPH A. ANDERSON.

When the Swedish immigrants of the century just past came to these shores, and found abodes in various parts of our Union, some also settled on the virgin soil of Iowa. A band of Swedes, firm in the faith of their fathers, made a home for itself on the hills and in the valleys of Jefferson county. The colony there founded was called New Sweden, a name bespeaking the love of the settlers of the heritage which they possessed. In 1848, but two years after this commonwealth received its statehood, a Lutheran congregation, the oldest of the now mighty Augustana Synod, was there organized. This congregation was not a result of any pastoral care and influence exerted upon the colonists since coming to this

country, but was organized upon the initiative of the people themselves. Not until 1849 did a clergyman arrive from Sweden, and he located in our sister state to the east. Since no ordained shepherd could be secured, the New Swedeners, if I may coin the word, chose one of their own number as their spiritual head. The one chosen was Magnus Frederick Hokonson, a pious and modest man, whose portrait should be found within the walls of the Historical Department of Iowa. He was ordained in 1853 and labored in the church for forty-five years, all of which time he remained within the State, and in its soil he was buried.

It was not until two decades after the New Sweden congregation was founded, or in 1868, that Iowa became a Conference within the Augustana Synod, organized eight years earlier. Then there were Swedish congregations at New Sweden, Munterville, Madrid, Stratford, Burlington, Lansing, McGregor and Swedesburg. Until 1870 some of our Norwegian brethren were associated with us. The church at Decorah, where Luther College now is, was then in the Conference as was also a Norwegian congregation in Story county. In 1868 the following pastors, besides Hokonson, served with the State: Hakan Olson, Bengt Magnus Halland and Carl J. Malmberg. The first became president of the new Conference. Rev. Halland later founded the large Swedish settlement in Montgomery and Page counties and thereby did much not only for the church but for the material development of our State. The Conference membership in 1868 was less than one thousand souls. The following year witnessed a great influx of Swedes and the Conference, and more especially its pastors, strained every nerve to secure the people for God and the church. In 1868 three congregations were organized and the following year two, one of which was the First Church of Des Moines. The earliest churches were in the southeastern part of the State. Then a few were organized in the north and eastern portions; later the south central and central, then the southwestern and finally northwestern and northern parts of our State beheld Swedish Lutheran settlements and congregations. The names of the following

pastors, who as presidents of Conferences or otherwise did so much toward the churching of the Swedes should be mentioned: O. J. Siljestrom, M. C. Ranseen, C. A. Hemborg and John Tellsen.

The history of our Swedish Lutherans of Iowa might be summed up in the words: Faith, instruction, work, financial sacrifice, prayer, worship and success under the providence of God, to whom be the glory. At first the problem was how to secure church homes for the immigrants. Later the problem has been, how to make the children, born and reared in the new fatherland, loyal to the fathers and lovers of their church. The problems have been and are being solved. We have now a membership of 20,000 souls or more, that compose eighty-one congregations, of which seventy-five have their own churches, and are served by forty-four pastors.

The Swedish Lutheran population gathered into our congregations is most numerous in Webster county with over 2,100 members. The more populous counties are as follows in the order given: Montgomery, Buena Vista, Boone, Woodbury, Polk, Des Moines, Wapello and Page. We have congregations from McGregor to Shenandoah, Keokuk to Akron, Council Bluffs to Davenport.

The property value of the local congregations is \$820,000. The Conference as such holds property to the amount of \$225,000. The Conference's property consists of an orphanage at Stanton, which began its noble work in 1882; a Home for the Aged at Madrid which received its first guests in 1906; The Iowa Lutheran Hospital, which was dedicated in March, 1914, (only some two months ago) and is located in the Capital City.

Within very recent years the Conference has contributed over \$50,000 toward the endowment of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, located at Rock Island, Illinois, and therefore separated from us geographically by the Mississippi. This institution, the Conference, as a part of the Augustana Synod, partially owns and controls. Hence we have needed no institution of learning within the confines of the Conference.

It may be said, in all modesty, that the Iowa Conference of the Augustana Synod has attempted to do its share toward the upbuilding within our State of a strong Lutheran Church, whose membership shall help to make this commonwealth second to none in these United States, which owes its liberty under God, in a great degree, if not wholly, to Martin Luther.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

There are two principal starting-places for this route, St. Joseph, Mo., a few miles above Fort Leavenworth, and Council Bluffs, a short distance N. of the entrance of the Platte into the Missouri. The road from Council Bluffs for 800 miles up the N. side of Platte River is the best natural one in the world. The elevation is less than 12 feet to the mile. The water coming from the highlands is fresh and cool. Grass is abundant, and on the river bottom two weeks earlier than on the route over the plains from St. Joseph, on the other side of the river. Timber, "buffalo chips," and mineral coal are found sufficient to supply travellers. The large amount of travel to California, Oregon and Utah makes it a great national thoroughfare. Over 100,000 souls have already travelled this road since the discovery of gold in California. The passage from Council Bluffs can be safely made, with wagons drawn by mules or oxen, in from 60 to 90 days, at an expense of not over \$100 for each passenger. If emigrants conduct themselves properly, no danger need be feared from any Indian tribes through which the road passes. All necessary outfits and supplies can be had at Kaneshville and Council Bluffs. An accurate General Directory has been published by J. H. Colton, 86 Cedar Street, New York, and a Mormon Guide, by Mr. Clayton, which will give the emigrant all necessary information. The forts of the American Fur Company and of the United States are usually prepared to render any aid needed by travellers. Aid has also been furnished at the California end of the route at the expense of the state of California.

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N. B. The distances from St. Joseph are about 128 miles greater. The distance of Council Bluffs from New York, via Chicago, Dubuque, Galena, Cedar Rapids, and Fort Des Moines, is 1,511 miles.

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THE WRITINGS OF JUDGE GEORGE G. WRIGHT.

IV.

[Heretofore we have presented some unconnected sketches by the late Hon. George G. Wright. Herewith begins a series arranged by Judge Wright at the instance of Hon. Charles Aldrich, Curator and founder of the Historical Department of Iowa.—EDITOR.]

HON. CHARLES ALDRICH,

Dear Sir: You have more than once expressed a wish that I would as time allowed note down some of my recollections of the men and times in Iowa's early history. The fact you state, not to be denied, in explanation of the wish, is that those who were active in those scenes are fast passing away, and you are kind enough to suggest that some "jottings" by me might assist in the good work in which you are engaged for and under the direction of the State, and aid in some future history of Iowa. I comply with your request, promising you herein nothing more than such notes and memories (some, not all) as can be recalled and noted in the midst of many business cares.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

I settled in Keosauqua, Van Buren county, November 14, 1840. Graduated at Indiana State University, 1839—read law with my brother, Gov. Joseph A. Wright, at Rockville in that State. Was born in Bloomington, Indiana, March 24, 1820, and admitted to the bar before I was of age. Was prosecuting attorney for Van Buren county in 1845.

[I was] elected to the State Senate in 1848—my competitor being Hon. Thomas Dibble (my father-in-law), who was a Democrat, and nominated by his party without his wish the week before [I was.] I was nominated against my protest, but the same afternoon went with Mrs. Wright to his home twelve miles in the country. I told him the circum-

stances and submitted to his wish if I should run. Old pioneer as he was, he said, "Yes, yourself a Whig—I, a Democrat—neither want the place, but we owe it to our parties to make the race. It is not I against you but Democracy against Whiggism." So we made the race with the result stated, and our relations were not in the least disturbed.

[I was] candidate for congress in 1850—defeated by Hon. Bernhart Henn by about 500 (Democratic majority in district over 1,200). Was elected Chief Justice of Iowa, January, 1855—served until January, 1860. Declined re-election—was appointed to succeed Hon. L. D. Stockton, deceased, in June, 1860—served by re-election until September, 1870. Was elected to U. S. Senate in January, 1870, took my seat March 4, 1871—served for six years, declining a re-election.

[I] returned to the practice of the law—continued therein until 1882, when I took the presidency of the Polk County Savings Bank and Security Loan & Trust Company. [I am] still in that work. Was president of the State Agricultural Society for five years, commencing in 1860—also president American Bar Association, 1887-8—organized the Iowa School of Law at Des Moines in connection with Judge C. C. Cole in 1865 (afterwards W. G. Hammond was connected with us) and continued it for three years, when, on request of the regents of the State University we united with that institution—saved the Law Department, and save the six years when in the Senate, have for each year, almost, been a lecturer or teacher therein.

Was married in 1843 (October 19th) to Mary H. Dibble, who, born in New York, settled in Van Buren county in 1839. Her father, Hon. Thomas Dibble, had been a member of the New York legislature and was a member of the second Constitutional Convention in Iowa, 1846.

(And of him, I should not be pardoned if I did not say a word more. He was a pioneer, and of the very highest, influential and useful type. Of good education—a constant reader, as his farm duties permitted—far more than the average farmer—one of the best thinkers I ever knew—clear, logical

mind—never tied to old things because they were old, and yet not rejecting because they were old—he was a leader in thought and in investigation whether on political, religious or economic questions. He was not esteemed orthodox in his views, as the world goes, and yet no purer, [more] honest, thoroughly religious man in word or deed ever lived in the State. His word was gold, his advice always inspired by the best motives and his conduct such as friends and family could always refer to with admiration and pride. Was an old-time, old-fashioned Democrat, and yet was liberal in his judgment of others, always preferring to attribute good rather than bad motives to his antagonists and all people. Was always helpful to the poor and needy. His home was the resting place and favorite resort of the leading men of our State—to those of all parties and faiths alike. One of those strong, leading (not brilliant, big-talking and pertinacious) minds, found in the early communities which had so much to do in shaping its policies, building up its schools and best interests and who leave their impress years and years after they are gone. He lived to a good old age (87) respected by all, dying mourned by all.)

But to continue. To us have been born seven children, five sons and two daughters; six living, Thomas S., Craig L., Mary D. (Peavey), Carroll C., Lucia H. (Stone), and George G.; one deceased, the youngest, William R., born in 1865 and died in December, 1875. All married but George G.

This of my life, and perhaps too much.

VAN BUREN COUNTY FAMOUS MEN.

There has lived or started in Keosauqua and Van Buren county an unusual galaxy of men. I mention:

Abner Kneeland, the great freethinker and writer.

Hon. John F. Dillon, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court.

Hon. John H. Gear, Governor and Member of Congress.

Hon. G. W. McCrary, Legislator, Congressman, Secretary of War.

Hon. H. C. Caldwell, Legislator, Colonel, U. S. District Judge.

Hon. Joseph C. Knapp, U. S. District Attorney and District Judge.

Hon. Augustus Hall, Member of Congress and U. S. Judge.

Hon. Samuel D. Elbert, afterwards Governor of Colorado and Chief Justice of their Supreme Court.

Hon. James B. Howell, my predecessor in the U. S. Senate, member Southern Claims Commission, and leading editor (*Gate City*).

Sam M. Clark, for years at head of the *Gate City* and leading editor of the State.

Gideon S. Bailey, U. S. Marshal.

Gen. J. M. Tuttle, distinguished in volunteer service during the late war, and then as State legislator.

Hon. John D. Elbert, President of the Territorial Council.

Hon. Timothy Day, first importer and breeder of short-horns in our State and for his time the biggest farmer. [Member of] Iowa Constitutional Convention of 1857.

Henry G. Stewart, also an importer; settled afterwards in Lee county and for years with Mr. Day member of the Board of State Agricultural Society, and very influential and active in building it up.

Hon. Hugh W. Sample, President Des Moines River Improvement Board.

Hon. Paul Brattain, Treasurer Des Moines River Improvement Board.

Hon. C. C. Nourse, Attorney General of State and District Judge.

W. M. McFarland, Member of General Assembly and Secretary of State.

Hon. Samuel Parker, President Territorial Council of Oregon.

J. H. Bonney, Secretary of State and Commissioner of Des Moines River Improvement.

Elisha Cutler, first Secretary of State.

Israel Kister, Treasurer of State.

V. P. Twombly, Treasurer of State.

P. M. Casady, now of Des Moines, member of State Senate, U. S. land officer and prominent banker.

S. W. Summers, colonel in volunteer service.

John B. Miller, Auditor and County Judge of Polk county, and U. S. land officer in Idaho.

T. S. Wright, general solicitor C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co.

E. O. Stanard, in Congress from Missouri and Lieutenant Governor of that State.

Edwin Manning, Commissioner of Des Moines River Improvement.

James H. Cowles, one of the proprietors of the *Gate City* and leading lawyer.

R. T. Dibble, member of Missouri Legislature.

I. N. Lewis, member of Territorial Legislature, and member of Missouri Legislature.

John J. Selman, afterwards in the Senate from Davis county, and member of the Second Constitutional Convention.

J. A. T. Hull, afterwards Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor and member of Congress.

J. B. Weaver, officer U. S. Army, member of Congress, candidate for President, of the Greenback party.

It may be doubted or perhaps, rather, it is true, that no other county in this or any western State (agricultural) ever produced so many prominent men—nor any town of 1,000 people (and it never had more) so many as Keosauqua. In 1843 there were twenty-three lawyers in that place, and after the opening of the New Purchase and west, they and others named scattered, Summers to Ottumwa, Casady to Des Moines, Weaver and Selman to Bloomfield, Cowles to Bloomfield and afterwards to Keokuk, Elbert to Colorado, Stanard to Missouri.

The attorneys practicing there from 1841 and for years thereafter, other than those mentioned were J. C. Hall, David Rorer, Hugh T. Ried, ————, Alfred Rich, M. D. Browning, James W. Grimes, H. W. and W. H. Starr, Thomas Gray, Frederick Mills, Philip Viele, Henry Eno, D. F. Miller, Samuel Shuffleton, all leading attorneys, but perhaps the more prominent were Hall, Ried, Rich, Grimes, Rorer and the Starrs. Of these, all are dead but Miller (he, however, was seldom at the courts in the early age).

Our first court in Van Buren county was held in the upper room of the jail, a room, I should say, about 20 feet square. After that, [it was held] in a large room of a hotel or over a store until the present brick structure was completed, say, 1845.

The first term in Davis [county] was in 1845, the forenoon (of the only day of the term) in a room say 15 to 20 feet square (with two beds therein), and the afternoon in a new log house, roofed that morning, without floor, windows or doors,—Judge Mason in a rocking chair, back of a board stretched on two barrels,—attorneys on shingle or clapboard blocks,—jurors in the only case tried, seated on boards stretched on blocks,—clerk at the end of the board forming the judge's desk,—and the grand jury on one side of the town (Bloomfield) in the open prairie,—and the petit jury on the other, during the deliberations, with watchful officers to keep off the curious or interested crowd.

First term in Monroe (then Kishkekosh) county, was held at Clark's Point, a few miles west of Albia, in a cabin. It is said that J. C. Hall and Ed Johnstone (since living in Keokuk and president of Old Law Makers' Association) were disturbed during the night by being deprived of a part of their straw bedding by some horses nibbling it through the cracks of the unchinked and undaubed walls! The consequence was that both were quite near the cabin wall in the morning.

But for the present I leave these court houses. Of them possibly more hereafter.

A steam boat, one hundred feet long, is in process of construction on the island almost immediately under the Court Avenue bridge. We understand that the proprietor is Mr. Tisdale of East DeMoine. In case of a flood, how could this inchoate steamer be saved before its timbers are adjusted to their places?—*Demoiné Citizen*.

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MRS. SIGOURNEY'S PUDDING.

In a postscript to a late letter from Mrs. Sigourney, she writes:

I was glad to see that you occasionally publish a useful recipe. I think a great deal of good housekeeping, and deem it especially important in a new country. I send you, to fill a crevice in your paper, a rule for a plain and excellent pudding, which here is called *my pudding* and which I have no objection to your designating by the same name if you choose.

L. H. S.

Boil 1 qt. of milk. While it is getting ready to boil, mix four spoonfuls of flour with cold milk, stirring it carefully until there are no lumps. When the milk boils stir in the mixture, with 1 teacup of sugar, and half that quantity of butter. When all is well mingled, take it off and let it cool. Then add 4 eggs well beaten, 4 drops essence of lemon, 1 teacup of stoned raisins, and bake in a deep dish.

Sigourney—*Life in the West*, Sept. 11, 1856.



L. C. Stiles

ANNALS OF IOWA

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THE GREAT SEALS OF IOWA.

The leading article in this number illuminates the historical area surrounding the selection and evolution of designs of the Great Seals of Iowa, Territorial and State. It also illustrates the advantage of present day writers over those of the past in investigation of subjects involving the transactions of our early officials. It discloses the thoughtful and patriotic efforts of Theodore S. Parvin to awaken interest in the true meaning of pioneer state service, effort made in season and out of season by him as a state official, as professor in the State University, as the first State Librarian and as the founder and creator of the great Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids.

But Mr. Parvin was obliged to rely largely upon memory in the instance of the Great Seals, whereas, since his noble service ended, the original materials of which he evidently spoke from a recollection of many years, have been brought to light and are now at hand. We are the direct beneficiaries of Mr. Parvin and his group of preachers of—one might almost say martyrs to—the effort to save to the future the means of knowing through the State and other archives themselves, the exact facts of all important points in our history.

Mr. Cassius C. Stiles, who contributes this article on the Great Seals of Iowa, was born in Madison county, Iowa, October 17, 1860. He was educated in the common schools of Madison county and at Simpson College, Indianola. He served as township clerk of South township, Madison county, from 1883 to 1887, as deputy county auditor of Madison county from 1893 to 1896, county auditor from 1897 to 1902 and index and corporation clerk in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa from 1903 to 1907. His work

under the Executive Council in transferring to the Historical Building the deposits of archives, and of their classification and arrangement, began in 1907 and has continued to the present time. His life has been one of devotion and his service has been a training for his present work, a work that is the fruit of the foresight and of the very nature of such as Theodore S. Parvin and Charles Aldrich.

MARKERS FOR SPIRIT LAKE VICTIMS.

Few chapters of frontier hardship excel in tragic interest the story of the group of circumstances attending the massacre of the first settlers about the Spirit and Okoboji lakes in northern Iowa. The larger and more spectacular phases of the matter have received attention in one way or another. In book and pamphlet, in granite and bronze they have been legibly and indelibly written. But on a visit August 5, 1914, with the surviving participants in the different parts of that affair, the writer was struck with the thought that at least one additional act of the living is still due the dead of that luckless band—to visibly note the exact places where the cabins stood and where the respective households were broken up or extinguished.

The average human heart is controlled by sympathy—say what we may of modern greed and selfishness—and in a company of twenty persons of the average age of thirty years standing with this little group of survivors on the ground at the different places where skulls had been crushed or bodies pierced, the common question was not “Why did these people come away from civilization to these shores?” but a closer thought, most intimate indeed, was “Why did these fathers and mothers bring their little ones to this spot?” “Why did the Gardners stay at this point?” The question was of the common human sympathy seeking the motive of the individual hero.

So, in addition to the beautiful monument which Iowa erected on the sightly shores of Okoboji, to commemorate the tragedy, is the need of simple tablets at the places where the

cabins burned and lives were yielded up. We can never answer why, but we can yet say, through proper monuments, where they chose to stand sentinel homes as outposts, and become sacrifices to our racial passion for moving on.

We gladly promised to produce and promote a plan of simple marking of these sacred sites.

“DODGE”, THE “PLAINS” AND “BUFFALO.”

The name “Dodge,” the area known as “the plains” and the subject of the “buffalo,” somewhat in confusion, are elucidated in the following correspondence:

Des Moines, August 20, 1914.

My Dear General,

In preparing a label for our group of buffalo we have mounted, I find my former assistant, Mr. T. Van Hyning, without noting his source, uses the following language:

“Colonel Dodge mentions a single herd estimated at four million, covering a territory not less than twenty-five miles wide and fifty miles long. It required five days for the herd to pass a given point.”

I also think I remember reading somewhere a reference to your observing the arrow of an Indian driven entirely through the body of a full-grown buffalo. Now, where, if any printed record of yours contains these references, are these statements to be found? If they were never printed, or if you cannot recall in what they occur, shall I attribute them to you?

Sincerely yours,

E. R. HARLAN.

Gen. Grenville M. Dodge,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug. 29, 1914.

Mr. E. R. Harlan,
Curator Historical Department,
Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Harlan,

I have yours of the 20th instant relating to buffalo hunts. The Col. Dodge you refer to is Richard I. Dodge who was in the army. I have seen the same thing that probably he did. I have seen a continuous herd of buffalo from Fort Kearney to what used to be

called the Junction; that was 200 or 300 miles that covered not only the Platte but the Republican Valley—no telling how many there were. I have known that after the building of the railroad that buffalo were so plentiful along both the Union Pacific and the Kansas Pacific railroads that they stopped the trains, and in traveling through a herd it took a great deal more than five days. In the summer this was the grazing ground.

The other question about the Indian putting an arrow through the buffalo,—many have seen that done with the bows and arrows they had in those days; they went with very great force. The Indian would ride alongside of the buffalo and fill him full of arrows and kill him, and if the arrow struck where it did not find any bone it would not be difficult to force it through him.

Col. R. I. Dodge wrote many books about matters on the plains. He was not my relative. He was from North Carolina. His identity and account, found in the writings of one of the greatest living Iowa men, is in the *American Natural History*, by William T. Hornaday, p. 102, Scribner, 1906:

"It is safe to say that no man ever saw in one day a greater panorama of animal life than that unrolled before Col. R. I. Dodge, in May, 1871, when he drove for twenty-five miles along the Arkansas River, through an unbroken herd of buffaloes. By my calculation, he actually saw on that memorable day nearly half a million head. It was the great southern herd, on its annual migration northward, and it must have contained a total of about three and one-half million animals. At that date, the northern herd contained about one and one-half millions. In those days, mighty hosts of buffaloes frequently stopped or derailed railway trains, and obstructed the progress of boats on the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers.

"In 1869, the general herd was divided, by the completion of the Union Pacific Railway, into a 'northern herd' and a 'southern herd.' The latter was savagely attacked by hide hunters in the autumn of 1871, and by 1875, with the exception of three very small bunches, it had been annihilated."

I don't think I wrote much about the buffalo, although I have hunted them with the Indians and have seen the "surrounds."

I am, truly,

G. M. DODGE.

THE RIVER JEFFREON IS THE NORTH RIVER.

Touching the identity of the River Jeffreon in modern nomenclature, we publish the following correspondence:

Historical Department of Iowa.
Des Moines, Iowa, August 24, 1914.

Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: In part 2, 18th Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, and on Map 37, therewith, occurs among other Indian boundary data the name "The Jeffreon River" which is a section of the boundary of the Sac and Fox cession of November 3, 1804.

Upon what data is the conclusion reached that this particular river, now known as the South Fabius river, was the "Jeffreon" river had in mind by the parties to the treaty of 1804? Is there any map, chart or writing extant, contemporaneous with the time of the execution of the treaty that has intrinsic proof that this is the stream? If so, will you kindly give me a copy, photograph or tracing of the item.

Sincerely yours,

EDGAR R. HARLAN,
Curator Historical Department of Iowa.

Smithsonian Institution,
Bureau of American Ethnology,
Washington, D. C., October 15, 1914.

Mr. Edgar R. Harlan,
Curator Historical Department of Iowa,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Colonel C. C. Royce, dated October 7th, in regard to the "Jeffreon" river.

Truly yours,

F. W. HODGE,
Ethnologist-in-charge.

Washington, D. C., October 7, 1914.

Dr. F. W. Hodge,

Director Bureau of Ethnology:

I am in receipt by reference from you of a letter dated Aug. 24, 1914, from E. R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, asking "upon what data is the conclusion reached that this particular river now known as the South Fabius river was the Jeffreon river had in mind by the parties to the treaty in 1804."

In reply I will say that the river "Jeffreon" as named and spelled in the Sac and Fox treaty of 1804 is laid down under the name "Jaufrione" on a number of the early maps of that section, viz.: on a map of the U. S. of N. America by A. Arrowsmith dated 1802; also on a map of U. S. by Abraham Bradley, Jr., 1804; also on a map of U. S. by Osgood Carleton, 1866; also on a map of

U. S. by P. A. F. Tardieu, 1806, and again in 1808 by same cartographer.

These maps of course are wanting in much of the detail of modern maps of that section, but a rough diagram I submit herewith¹ indicates the location of the "Jeffreon" river and makes it coincident with what is indicated on modern maps of Missouri as the North river, a stream entering the Mississippi a short distance south of the Fabius river.

I return herewith the letter of Mr. Harlan.

Very truly yours,

C. C. ROYCE.

NOTES.

On September 14, 1914, the Francis Scott Key chapter of the Daughters of 1812, by their president, Mrs. Mary H. S. Johnston, presented a memorial tablet to the Public Library of Council Bluffs, Iowa. It commemorates a visit by Abraham Lincoln to Council Bluffs. The inscription reads as follows:

To the memory of Abraham Lincoln, who on August 19, 1859, was the guest of Hon. William H. M. Pusey, whose residence stood on this ground, this tablet was placed by Francis Scott Key chapter Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 14, 1914.

J. M. Galvin, president of the library board, accepted the tablet. Addresses were made by Hon. Walter I. Smith and Gen. Grenville M. Dodge.

On the occasion commemorated, Mr. Lincoln reached Council Bluffs by boat from St. Joseph. He was accompanied by O. M. Hatch, then secretary of the state of Illinois. Mr. Lincoln registered at the Pacific House, transacted some personal business, held a conference with General Dodge, made an address on slavery in Concert Hall and visited his old friends, Thomas Officer and Judge W. H. M. Pusey.

On August 4th at Fairport, in Muscatine county, the new United States Biological Station was dedicated by public ceremony. It is a monument to the persistence of our governmental policy of restoring wasted resources, for the existence

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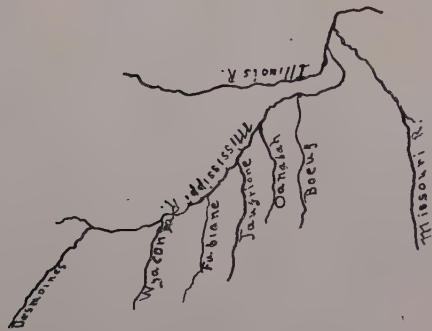


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Maps identifying the Jefferson river of the Sac and Fox Treaty of 1804 with the North river of the present time.

of the fresh-water clam and all the industry and capital it supports is dependent on the success that attends the scientific experiments to be first worked out under the best circumstances.

But the station is even more a monument to John F. Boepple, a German immigrant to Iowa, who adapted his trade of cutting buttons from horns to the cutting of buttons from the shell of the clam. Though Mr. Boepple had not the instinct for gain that those had to whom he disclosed his adaptation, and therefore carried little more to his grave than the thoughts of a discoverer, his name is fixed in industrial annals, and the station and the bronze tablet to his honor affixed to its walls will so speak to those beyond our time.

The Historical Department is making a special effort to secure a complete set of the Journals of the Council and House of the Territory of Iowa for use in the indexing of the Archives. We would like, therefore, to call upon our friends to aid us in collecting copies of these documents, which are now very rare. Copies of any of these journals will be very acceptable, and we are especially anxious to secure the following:

Journal of the House of the 1st Territorial Assembly
1838-'39.

Journal of the Council of the 2nd Territorial Assembly
1839-'40.

Journal of the Council of the 3rd Territorial Assembly
1840-'41.

Journal of the House of the 3rd Territorial Assembly
1840-'41.

Journal of the Council of the 4th Territorial Assembly
1841-'42.

Journal of the Council of the 5th Territorial Assembly
1842-'43.

Journal of the Council and House 6th Territorial Assembly
1843-'44.

Journal of the Council and House 7th Territorial Assembly
1845, May-June.

Under a resolution adopted by the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, which authorized our institution to participate with any Iowa citizens in providing on behalf of our State some representation at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, we have submitted a plan, which, so far as funds which the voluntary Commission have raised wholly by private subscription will permit, has been approved as follows:

The walls of the Iowa building will be hung with the best portraits of Iowa eminent personages, from the portrait galleries of the Historical Department.

A current filing case for every Iowa newspaper, if sent gratis to the Iowa building, will provide for any visitor the latest number of his home paper.

A series of book cases will contain the documents, reports and publications of each Iowa public institution from its organization to present time, and one or more will contain books by Iowa authors.

A representative collection and receptacle from our Autograph Collection and the Hall of Public Archives will be installed, and effort will be made to afford to the casual visitor a pleasing impression and to the specialist every aid to a knowledge of the fact, past or present, of every State purpose or policy. No accentuation of any one institution will be made, and no boom or puffing resorted to.

LEE GOODENOUGH.

In participating last summer in the appropriate reinterment of the remains of Joel Howe, one of the victims of the Spirit Lake massacre, the Historical Department made too little of the service of the modest, keen-sighted, thoughtful youth, Lee Goodenough, of Knoxville. It was he, who, a member of the summer camp of the Y. M. C. A., while delving alone along the edge of East Okoboji, observed the small bone fragments that led him to uncover and carefully preserve the remains which proved to be those of Joel Howe.

NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN LEWIS GRIFFITHS was born in New York, October 7, 1855; he died at his residence in London, England, May 17, 1914. His parents were David G. and Elizabeth Griffiths, natives of Wales. When he was twelve years of age, the family removed to Iowa, where he completed his high school course in less than three years. He studied law at the State University of Iowa and received the degree of A.B. in 1874 and LL.B. in 1875. He was admitted to the bar and engaged in practice at Indianapolis, Indiana. He took part in every national and state convention of the Republican party after he had a vote, and was much in demand as a campaign orator. He was a member of the Indiana state legislature in 1887, reporter of the Indiana supreme court 1889-93, and at one time candidate for governor. In 1905 he was appointed consul-general to Liverpool by President Roosevelt, and in 1909 transferred by President Taft to London. Memorial services were held at St. Pauls, Knightsbridge, London, on May 22d, and final funeral services in New York, June 1st. Mr. Griffiths was an orator of ability, and at the time of his death was engaged in writing a life of Benjamin Harrison. An article by him on Legal Procedure in England, appeared in the *Annals of the American Academy* for March, 1914.

WILLIAM H. INGHAM was born at Ingham's Mills, New York, November 27, 1827; he died at the home of his son in Olympia, Washington, July 28, 1914. He was educated in the public schools until the age of ten, then attended a private school for two years, studying Greek and higher mathematics, and finally had several terms at Little Falls Academy. At the age of eighteen he began business with his brother and was engaged therein for several years. In 1851 he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, surveying and locating lands, and was on a trip of this nature when he visited Kossuth county in 1854, and noting its possibilities, decided to locate there. As a pioneer hunter, land surveyor and settler he had many interesting adventures and encounters with the Indians. In 1854, after the Spirit Lake massacre, he formed a scouting party to explore the country for danger, and performed a similar service in 1862. When the troops were formed to protect the border, he was appointed captain of Company A, Northern Border Brigade, and with his company took quarters at Estherville and erected Fort Defiance. They were mustered out of service in December, 1863. In 1866 he removed from his farm to Algona where he thereafter resided. In 1870, in company with Lewis H. Smith, he began the

first banking enterprise in the county, and in 1873, when the bank was re-organized and incorporated as a state bank, he was made president and held the position until his death. Captain Ingham was always interested in the cause of education and was one of the promoters of the Algona College and the Northern Iowa Normal School. He was a close student and a mathematician of high ability. He was on a visit to the West when his death occurred. His remains were interred at Algona, August 3, 1914.

FREDERICK WELKER was born in Melle, Province of Hanover, Germany, April 19, 1834; he died at Muscatine, Iowa, July 14, 1914. At two years of age he emigrated with his parents to the United States. The family settled on a farm in St. Charles county, Missouri, where his boyhood was spent. In 1852 he removed to St. Louis and engaged in business. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as private in Company G, First Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and at President Lincoln's call for 300,000 volunteers, re-enlisted as First Lieutenant of the same company. In September, 1861, he was promoted to the Captaincy of Company H, First Regiment Light Artillery Missouri Volunteers, and soon thereafter to Major. He participated in a number of the most important engagements of the war and won renown at the battle of Shiloh, in the siege of Corinth and in the Atlantic campaign. On March 13, 1865, he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel. At the close of the war he settled in Mount Vernon, Ohio, remaining there until 1871, when he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where he was in business for sixteen years. From 1887 to 1899 he was in the commission business at San Francisco, from 1899 to 1902 resided in Vancouver, B. C., and from 1902 to 1908 in Montreal. In 1908 he retired from business and returned to Muscatine to spend his remaining days. For many years he was presiding officer of the Colonel Welker Veteran Association which embraced the surviving membership of the Old Muscatine Rifles. Under his command the organization attained national prominence, being one of the best drilled military bodies in the country.

MRS. BERNHARDINE (LORENZ) WACHSMUTH was born in Hanover, Germany, November 20, 1837; she died at Burlington, Iowa, January 19, 1914. She removed to America when a young girl and located in Burlington, where she was married on June 3, 1855, to Charles Wachsmuth, who was then engaged in the grocery business. The condition of his health making it necessary for him to be out of doors, Mr. Wachsmuth took up the study and collecting of fossils, and in this he was ably assisted by Mrs. Wachsmuth. They frequented the quarries, bluffs and creek beds around Burlington, and the collection soon grew to such proportions as to attract the at-

tention and commendation of Professor Agassiz of the Harvard University museum of comparative zoology. In 1865 Mrs. Wachsmuth accompanied her husband on a trip to Europe and was absent for a year. On their return they continued their study and collecting of crinoids. In 1873 their collection was given to the Harvard University museum and Mr. and Mrs. Wachsmuth accompanied it to Cambridge, remaining there for some time. The next year they again went abroad, visiting Europe, Asia and Africa. Returning to Burlington they made another collection, greater than the first. Associating in 1877 with Mr. Frank Springer, they developed the history and science of crinoids and published several important books on that subject. After the death of Mr. Wachsmuth in 1896, Mrs. Wachsmuth continued her interest in her husband's life work and also along other lines of science, art and music. She was a home maker as well as housekeeper and her home was a social center for the cultured people of Burlington for many years.

GEORGE F. JENKINS was born in Clark county, Missouri, July 15, 1842; he died at Keokuk, Iowa, September 4, 1914. He attended the public schools of Clark county and the high school at Alexandria. After a course in a commercial college at St. Louis and a visit to the East, he crossed the plains to California and took up the study of medicine in 1865 in the Toland Medical College, San Francisco, which later became the medical department of the University of California. After finishing the course there he returned to St. Louis and graduated from the Missouri Medical College in 1867. After three years' practice in Sandusky, Iowa, he located in Keokuk, and continued in the general practice of medicine and surgery from that time until shortly before his death. From 1879 to 1890 he filled a chair in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk and was also president of the faculty. In 1890 he assisted in the organization of the Keokuk Medical College, was elected president and retained connection with that institution until 1900, when upon its consolidation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons he became president and professor and dean of the faculty. He was one of the founders and promoters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Keokuk, and gave close study to sanitation in the city. He acted as medical examiner for a number of the leading insurance companies for many years and was a member of various county, city and national medical associations, contributing valuable articles to the leading medical journals of the day. The honorary degree of master of arts was conferred upon him by Parsons College in 1884.

PHILO MILTON JEWELL was born in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, January 1, 1848; he died at his home in Decorah, Iowa,

January 8, 1914. He removed with his parents to a farm in Carroll county, Illinois, in 1856. Here he grew to manhood, obtaining his education at the Mt. Carroll seminary and the Mt. Carroll high school. He taught school for a year and then began the study of medicine in the medical department of the University of Michigan, graduating therefrom in March, 1873. He engaged in the practice of his profession at Lyndon, Illinois, for six years. He removed to Winneshiek county in 1880 and continued there in the practice of medicine and surgery, associating in later years with his son, Dr. M. D. Jewell. He served as coroner of Winneshiek county from 1899 to 1903 and was a member of the United States pension board from 1897 until his death. He was elected representative to the Thirty-second General Assembly in 1906 and served through the Thirty-second, Thirty-second Extra and Thirty-third General Assemblies. In 1910 he was chosen state senator and represented the Winneshiek-Howard district in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies.

LEONARD BROWN was born in Syracuse, Indiana, July 4, 1837; he died at Chicago, August 24, 1914. He attended the common schools of Syracuse until thirteen years of age and then worked for three years in a blacksmith shop. He removed to Des Moines in 1853 and attended Des Moines academy for one year. The next year he went to Burlington where he remained for four years as student and tutor in mathematics in a university. Returning to Des Moines, he associated with Rev. John A. Nash in establishing Forest Home Seminary in 1860. In 1866-7 he was superintendent of schools in Des Moines and Polk county and in 1875-6 professor of language and literature in Humboldt College. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, Forty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served with his regiment the one hundred days of their enlistment. He spent much time on the lecture platform, speaking on education and political subjects, and contributed much to campaign literature. He was the author of several books and pamphlets, among them being *Poems of the Prairies*; *Our Own Columbia*; *Popular Perils*; *Iowa, the Promised of the Prophets*; and the *Rights of Labor*.

ALVIN MANLEY WHALEY was born in Wyoming county, New York, May 14, 1838; he died at his home in Aplington, Iowa, October 29, 1911. He began his education in the common schools of Wyoming county and at fifteen years of age entered Middlebury Academy, teaching during the winters in order to pursue his course. In 1861 he enlisted in the Civil war in Company K, Seventeenth New York Volunteers, was elected Second Lieutenant and on account of meritorious service was soon promoted to Captain. He was severely

wounded at Fredericksburg and mustered out upon his discharge from the hospital, but he immediately re-entered the service commissioned as quartermaster and serving as assistant quartermaster general. In this capacity he went to Alabama, Vicksburg and with Sherman on his march to the sea. After the close of the war he returned to Wyoming county, New York, and engaged in farming. He removed to Iowa in 1869, settling at Aplington, Butler county, and became one of the influential men of the community, interested in the grain, lumber and stock business and later was president of the Exchange Bank for many years. He was a Republican in politics and represented Butler county in the House of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies. He was also senator from the Forty-sixth senatorial district in the senate of the Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first General Assemblies. He was appointed postmaster at Aplington by President McKinley and served for several years.

JOHN NOLLEN was born at Didam, Holland, April 4, 1828; he died at Pella, Iowa, May 31, 1914. He was educated at Arnhem, Holland, for the profession of teacher and taught in that place for several years. He emigrated to the United States in 1854, settling in the struggling Dutch colony of Pella, not then ten years old. He was assistant editor of the *Pella Gazette*, the first newspaper published in Marion county, from 1854 to 1859. In 1855 he entered the banking business and acted as cashier of the Pella bank from the time of its organization as the Pella Savings Institution until 1908, and continued his connection with it until his death. He was the author of a series of articles on currency reform that were considered authoritative. Mr. Nollen was a prominent factor in the welfare of Pella, serving in his early years as treasurer and for four consecutive terms as mayor. He was also president of the school board and member of the board of trustees of Central College. He was a man of broad culture, well versed in the sciences, modern languages and the classics, and was a skilled pianist and pipe organist.

MILLARD F. LE ROY was born in Manchester, Dearborn county, Indiana, January 16, 1850; he died at Hillsdale, near Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 1914. His parents removed in 1852 to Grundy county, Illinois, and his early education was received there and at Moore's Hill, Indiana, where he attended school from eleven to sixteen years of age. After a business course in Clark Seminary in Illinois, and a year at Manchester, Iowa, he returned to Moore's Hill and graduated from the Moore's Hill College with the degree of B. S. In 1869 he entered the State University of Iowa and graduated from the law department in 1870 with the degree of LL. B. He engaged with Charles L. Bronson in the practice of law at

Manchester for many years. He was also interested in the banking business and was for some time in active charge of the Manchester bank. He served as cashier of the First National Bank for years and was elected president, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a Republican in politics and represented Delaware county in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly.

EDSON GAYLORD was born in Northville, Litchfield county, Connecticut, October 16, 1826; he died at his home near Nora Springs, Iowa, March 18, 1914. He began work on a farm at the early age of six years and at nine was hired out to work on a farm at six dollars a month. He began teaching school at the age of seventeen years. He continued working and teaching in the East until 1853 when he came West to make his home, and after stopping in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota, finally settled in Floyd county, Iowa. In October, 1853, he cut the first tree for his home, which was made entirely without nails. He cut the first tree for the first school house in Floyd county, cut out and made the first pioneer road through Rock Grove township and burned the first lime in a regular kiln. During his long residence he served as justice of the peace, member of the board of township trustees and member and chairman of the school board. For some years he was a correspondent of the *New York Tribune*. He was considered an authority on agriculture and horticulture and gave especial attention to apple culture in the northwest.

JOHN D. McLEARY was born in Wabash county, Illinois, September 27, 1829; he died at Indianola, Iowa, April 3, 1914. He was educated and taught school in his native county, later going as a school teacher to Fulton county. In 1852 he removed to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and taught school one winter. He then removed to Indianola where he spent a few years teaching school and acting as deputy county clerk. He took up the study of medicine, most of his course being pursued in Chicago. He received his degree in 1861 from the Keokuk Medical College. He practiced medicine in Indianola continuously for more than fifty-two years. During the last years of the war he served as assistant surgeon in the Thirty-fourth and Forty-sixth Iowa regiments. In 1891 Gov. Horace Boies appointed him regent of the State University of Iowa to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas S. Wright, and later he served a full term. He was a member of the county board of examiners of the insane from the time of its organization until shortly before his death. For many years he was pension examiner and for forty-one years local surgeon for the C. R. I. & P. Railway. He was a Republican in politics and always interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived.

JOHN E. ROWEN was born at Thompsonville, Connecticut, July 26, 1837; he died at his home near Rowan, Iowa, May 1, 1914. As a boy he worked in the woolen and carpet mills and attended school but little, his education being obtained later by extensive reading and observation. At the age of fifteen years he removed with his parents to Cedar county, Iowa, and three years after to Wright county. At the age of twenty-one years he was licensed preacher in the United Brethren church and continued in this work for fourteen years, organizing and establishing twelve churches. He afterward entered the insurance business and for twenty years was a very successful agent. He was elected to the legislature and served as senator in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra General Assemblies. He was United States consul to the Falkland Islands for ten years and to Punta Arenas, Chile, four years. On his resignation from the service he was commended by the department of state for work performed.

JOHN M. GOBBLE was born in Abingdon, Iowa, October 10, 1849; he died at Muscatine, June 9, 1914. His early years were spent in his native town where he received the elements of the business training which afterwards enabled him to build up one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in Iowa. From 1870 to 1880 he engaged in the retail and wholesale grocery business in Fairfield, removing in the latter year to Muscatine where he has since conducted a flourishing wholesale business. He was elected mayor of Muscatine in 1886 and re-elected for a second term, but resigned in order to serve as Senator in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. He later acted as mayor for a third term.

JOSEPH H. MERRILL was born in Plymouth, New Hampshire, September 27, 1827; he died at Ottumwa, Iowa, April 25, 1911. He removed to Ottumwa in 1862 and entered the grocery business in which he was very successful and became the head of the wholesale grocery house of J. H. Merrill & Co. of Ottumwa with branch houses at Creston and Red Oak. He was also interested in the banking business and at the time of his death was president of the Iowa National Bank of Ottumwa, the City Savings Bank and the Agency Savings Bank. He served as senator from Wapello county in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth General Assemblies.

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